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well above themselves. I have shown them the respect they deserve by having them watched several times in the Alliance League in which they are doing extremely well. And so today we know that we will have to match their determination and effort to ensure that our name goes into the hat on Monday.

Last week's game against Millwall was certainly a hard fought encounter and I thought we showed a lot of character in counteracting the rather dubious tactics of the London side. I am still not happy with one or two aspects of our game, but we are at least scoring goals and I think we have now turned the corner.

On the injuries front, I am sure you were all glad to hear that Eamon O'Keefe's injury was not as bad as at first diagnosed. He should be back in training next week and could be back in the side within a fortnight. Graham Barrow's continued absence shows just how severe an injury he received at Cardiff, and it looks like his lay-off will stretch to a total of nine weeks, with another fortnight's light training required before he can start to look for his place in the first team.

I hope you enjoy today's game, and don't forget to give us the usual verbal backing which is so important, especially in "the Cup"!

Best wishes,

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

BILLY BREMNER, anxious to bolster up a Doncaster defence that has been letting in goals like they are going out of fashion, has signed Gordon Owen on loan for a month and that is believed to be the first in a series of new players the former Leeds midfield player has lined up for the club.

Hard up Bournemouth, who have had to bring manager David Webb out of retirement to help them through a serious injury crisis, seem to be finding things a little easier.

They were shocked by a 5-1 thrashing at Newport last weekend but immediately after that game Webb went out and signed Sheffield United's 29-year-old Scottish midfield player, Jeff King.

King, whose former clubs include Derby, Walsall and Sheffield Wednesday, made his debut for the Dean Court side in a midweek Hampshire Floodlit Cup game at Southampton.

The week previous, Bournemouth

had also signed Peter Aitken from Bristol City and he came into the side last week against Newport in place of Webb.

Newport's captain and centre half Keith Oakes is attracting the attention of the bigger clubs and Everton are reported to be the latest showing an interest in the former Peterborough defender.

Bradford City's battle to keep hold of their manager Roy McFarland and his assistant in the face of pressure from Peter Taylor's Derby County may have been won — but only for the time being.

Derby, who wanted McFarland as assistant to Taylor at the Baseball Ground, were scared off (not surprisingly) when City demanded compensation in the region of £175,000, but it could be that another move could be in the offing because Taylor is prepared to bide his time in his attempts to get hold of the former Derby Centre half.

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COMING UP NEXT

Saturday, 27th November, 1982
GILLINGHAM v. WIGAN ATHLETIC
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Saturday, 4th December, 1982
WIGAN ATHLETIC v. SHEFFIELD UNITED
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
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Saturday, 18th December, 1982
WIGAN ATHLETIC v. OXFORD UNITED
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Please Note: In the event of a draw today, the replay will take place at the Buck's Head Ground, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire, on Tuesday, 23rd November, 1982. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. There will be a limited number of stand tickets available to season ticket holders. These will be on sale from 10.00 a.m. on Monday, from the general office.

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**ON
FILE**

THE distressing incidents of violence surrounding last week's game against Millwall, and the ensuing headlines in the local press about "Soccer Violence" sadly force me this week to donate this column to a discussion on the subject of hooliganism. All of us connected with football are often accused, usually indirectly, of causing, if not encouraging, violence amongst gangs of youths and the insinuation is that the fault is ours. But recent Government sponsored research at Leicester University suggests that, and I quote, "the evidence shows that spectator disorders are neither a purely modern phenomenon, the monopoly of any one country or ethnic group, nor confined to any specific sport. "On the matter of crowd hooliganism being a modern problem", it continues: "In this country, virtually every phase in the history of football has been accompanied by incidents of spectator disorder. In 1901, a game between Newcastle and Sunderland failed to start because of fighting between rival fans. The Millwall club has a history of ground closures for spectator misbehaviour stretching back to 1919. Similarly, the Glasgow clubs before World War II seem to have been at least as committed to a fighting ethos as their modern counterparts."

On the subject of hooliganism being confined to football, recent events at Cricket matches and at a local derby match between the Hull Rugby League sides suggest otherwise. The researchers provide further evidence. "Between 1960 and 1972, American newspapers reported

312 sports crowd riots — 97 in baseball, 66 in American football, 54 in basketball, 39 in ice hockey and 19 at boxing matches. In Britain, large scale fights took place on racecourses in the 1920s."

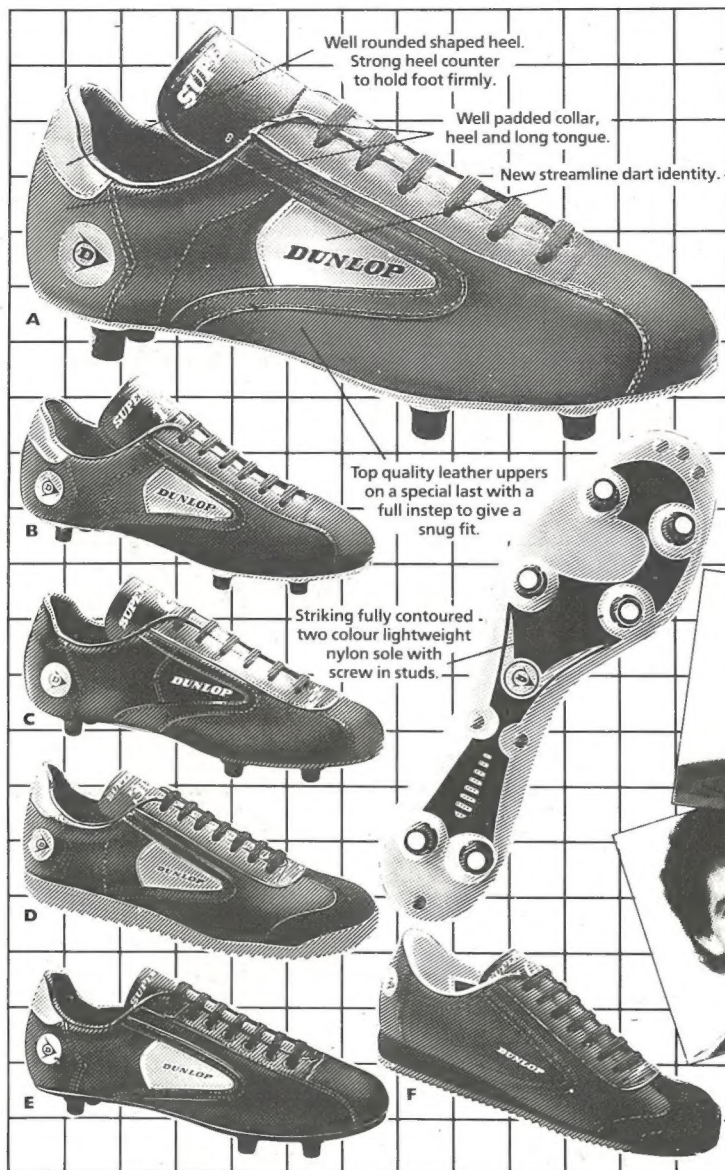
Nor is the problem confined to Britain. "In Yugoslavia in the mid-1950s there occurred a wave of football disorder referred to as a 'Zusism' (Zus is the Serbo-Croat acronym for slaughter, kill, annihilate). In Naples in 1955, 100 spectators were injured in terrace fighting. More recently, competitive matches were banned in Malta following serious terrace rioting. Likewise, the Chinese, Poles and Russians have all experienced disorders. In 1964, 293 deaths occurred during a pitch invasion in Lima, Peru, in 1964 and a war ensued in 1970 following the World Cup qualifying match between El Salvador and Honduras."

Whilst the above facts do not help solve our problem, they do at least put it into some kind of perspective. Large crowds which contain large numbers of youths who are, in some way, able to adopt a tribal/gang mentality, will inevitably lead to trouble. And unfortunately for football, it is just this kind of crowd that many of the notorious clubs regularly get. Let us hope that at Wigan, the hooligans remain a small minority and do not drive away the true spectators.

Yours, not so cheerily,

Colin Burke, Secretary.

P.S.: I am indebted to Messrs. John Williams, Eric Dunning and Pat Murphy of the University of Lancaster for the above information.



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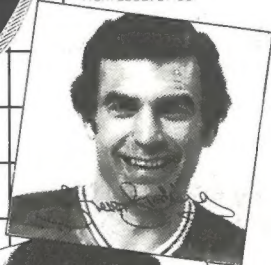
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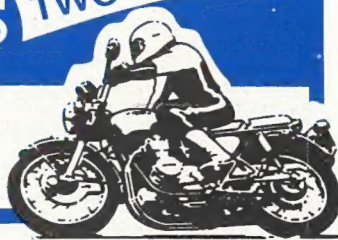
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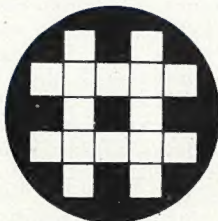
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PUZZLE PAGE

ON THE BALL No. 11

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.



Springfield Park side Cross, could be Midfielder Dillon Markings

CLUB CLUE No. 11

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club

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MIXED DOUBLES No. 11

Re-order the letters in each of the words

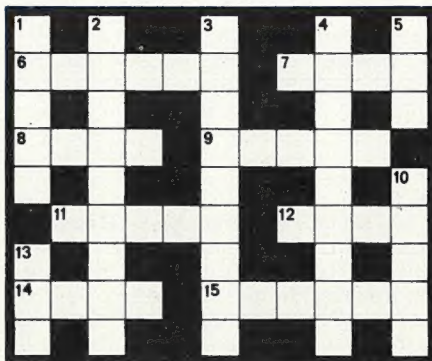
RETURN and BREAK

to find the names of two men called Graham.

QUICK QUIZ No. 11

1. Who were the last to score five goals in a FA Cup Final?
2. In which city are Juventus based?
3. Which former Scottish international shares a name with the world's busiest airport?
4. Who played on his home ground in the 1982 World Cup Final?
5. What is the width of the goal in metres?

Answers on page 12.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 11

(compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

6. Stalybridge --- was a Football League club which lost its status between the was (6)
7. Beasant, maybe (4)
8. Kellow, could be (4)
9. Southend United are in their second spell at the --- hall ground (5)
11. Half the clubs leave a cup competition at each one (5)
12. Former soccer weekly - it ceased publication around ten years ago (4)
14. Cork or Curtis (4)
15. Haig --- Southport, used to be a venue in the Football League (6)

DOWN

- Defender who left Leicester for Birmingham towards the back of last season (5)
2. Belfast club founded in 1882 (9)
3. A three-point result ... but not for the teams involved (5-4)
4. HQ of WAB (9)
5. Perhaps surprisingly, only one Welsh club wears it (3)
10. A nickname of Ipswich (5)
13. Rush to put his first (3)



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THE LOCAL VIEW



OF THE twelve Wigan Amateur League sides who entered the prestigious Lancashire FA Amateur Shield competition only one now remains.

That side is Aspull, who went through to the Third Round with a narrow victory over Bolton club Turton FC last weekend — while the other three Wigan survivors unfortunately fell by the wayside.

Aspull's game swung first one way and then back again as they took the lead twice, twice conceded an equaliser, went behind, equalised themselves, and finally snatched a win and a place in the next round with a goal five minutes from time. In the 4-3 victory Martin O'Neill hit two vital goals, with Alan Birchall contributing the opener and Graham Rigby the winner.

Meanwhile, the other Wigan sides were all losing. Wigan Youth went down 4-1 to Farnworth while Ince PC lost 5-1 to Wyesdale FC of Bolton, and also had a player sent off. Hindley Town were unlucky to come up against an accomplished Grasmere Rovers who had already put out Heinz and Bethel in earlier rounds, and they were defeated 4-0. Let's just hope that Aspull can now avoid Grasmere — at least until the final!

In the League programme Bethel lost their unbeaten record, going down 4-3 at Orrell Celtic, but stay at the top of the Premier Division. Second-placed Aspull did not play because of their cup commitment but Bethel's loss keeps the situation tight at the

BY GEOFF KEMP

top, with Wigan Youth and Orrell Celtic all still challenging.

The only 100% record in the Amateur League now belongs to First Division St. Judes, who by last weekend had taken maximum points from their eleven games. The top-scoring sides are Newburgh United from the Second Division and Ashton Rangers from the Third, both of whom have now reached the half-century mark. A few teams have now let in more than fifty goals but the current record goes to poor Holgate Rangers at the bottom of Division Two with 69 conceded. The best defensive record belongs to St. Judes with just six passing their goalkeeper.

Moving onto another League, Wigan Central top the Wigan Metro Schools' FA Inter-District League by one point from Hindley — with the two sides scheduled to meet this weekend. The game is at Hindley, and they will certainly be on the crest of a wave after beating Tyldesley last Saturday 6-1.

The Wigan Observer Five-a-Side Competition on the all-weather pitch here at Springfield Park reached the quarter-final stage on Friday evening. In fact, the quarter-finals are run on World Cup-style lines with two groups of four qualifiers battling it out, the first group being decided the day before yesterday. The second quarter-final takes place next Friday, to be followed by a special evening a week later when the two top teams in each group will compete in the semi-finals, followed by the final itself.

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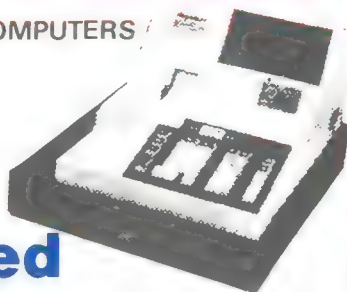
SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE PAGE

SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 11. Across: 6. Celtic 7. Dave 8. Tony 9. Roots 11. Round 12. Goal 14. Alan 15. Avenue. Down: 1. Scott 2. Glenloran 3. Score-draw 4. Hawthorns 5. Red (Wrexham) 10. Blues 13. Ian. ON THE BALL No. 11 Wigan: David, Kevin; Lines. CLUB CLUE No. 11 Red Star (Belgrade). MIXED DOUBLES No. 11 Turner, Baker. QUICK QUIZ No. 11. 1. no club has; 2. Turin; 3. (John) O'Hare (Chicago); 4. Uli Stielike (West Germ./Real Mad); 5. 7.32

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What the papers say...

Peter's Double A Real Tonic

STRIKER Peter Houghton was the two-goal hero as Wigan collected their first win in eight matches.

But in a furious game, which produced six bookings, it was 'keeper Roy Tunks who defied Millwall as they launched a second-half fightback.

The Londoners' over-physical approach early on presented Wigan with a series of free kicks and from one in the 11th minute Les Bradd claimed the opening goal with a brilliant diving header.

Tunks swatted away shots from Alan West, David Martin and Andy Massey as Millwall went hunting an equaliser. But his most anxious moment came when Wigan defender John McMahon almost put in with a misdirected header.

Then after 30 minutes, with Archie Gemmill winning the midfield battle, Wigan grabbed their second — an excellent solo effort by Houghton who collected a through ball from Alex Cribley, and hammered it into the corner of the net.

Managerless Millwall were a much-improved side after the break. Massey lashed a fierce volley over the top. Dean Neal was inches wide with a header and Trevor Aylott blasted another off target.

But there was nothing Tunks could do when the £150,000 Aylott pulled one back after 65 minutes with a thundering drive.

Yet gutsy Wigan, with on-loan Oldham striker Jim Steel making a useful contribution, refused to sit back.

Houghton's determination ought to have produced a third goal but Bradd, only two yards out, scorned the chance.

But with two minutes left, Houghton beat big Sam Allardyce, drew the goalkeeper and coolly knocked in his eighth goal of the season.

News of the World Wigan Strike

THE arrival of striker Jim Steel, on loan from Oldham, provided the incentive for Wigan's regular front runners Peter Houghton and Les Bradd to hit form.

While Steel had a quiet game, Houghton grabbed two superb solo goals and veteran Bradd got in the goal act with a well-timed header to give Wigan their first victory in eight games.

Managerless Millwall, who parted company with Peter Anderson in midweek, upset the crowd

and the Barnsley referee Trellford Mills with their rough-house tactics. Only a tremendous display by Wigan 'keeper Roy Tunks kept his side in the game and Millwall could have returned home with at least a point if they hadn't used spoiling tactics early on.

Archie Gemmill set up the first goal, floating with a free kick for Bradd to head past the defensive wall and 'keeper Paul Sansome.

On the half-hour Peter Houghton was put clear by Alex Cribley and calmly side-footed past Sansome.

Millwall, urged by Andy Massey, then started to push forward and Trevor Aylott finally pulled one back.

But, in an exciting finish, Houghton settled it two minutes from time when he beat big Sam Allardyce in the middle of the park and raced clear to shoot past Sansome for his eighth goal of the season.

The Sunday People

LARRY LLOYD'S Wigan got a much-needed boost, notching up their first win in eight matches against fellow strugglers Millwall.

But there was an air of desperation, especially with managerless Millwall's performance. The Londoners set off in furious fashion, but soon fell foul of the referee with Neal and Massey being booked for bad tackling.

Wigan took full advantage when they were awarded a free-kick after a Stevens infringement. Gemmill provided a superb pass for Bradd to head the opening goal. Millwall hit back, but poor finishing by Martin and a superb Tunks save from a Neal shot kept them scoreless.

Wigan struck again when defender Cribley put through a perfectly weighted pass. Houghton took it, losing his marker before advancing to slot past Sansome. With Madden replacing the injured West in the second half, Millwall looked more lively and set up a host of attacks. But poor finishing was their downfall. However, a cross by Horrix fell to the unmarked Aylott, who headed down before finding the net.

Tunks had to pull out all he knew to block a fierce header seconds later. But back swept Wigan and Houghton had clinched maximum points when he went off on another long run, rounded Sansome, and slotted the ball in.

Toberts, Millwall's central defender, also had his name taken with Wigan's Walsh, Butler and Gemmill.

Form Report: Tunks 7, MacMahon 6, Cribley 6, Walsh 6, Methven 7, Weston Butler 6, Gemmill-HOUGHTON 8, Bradd, Steel 5.

great to see goals going in again. Man of the match? Peter Houghton, without a doubt.

Peter Wignall, Hindley, Wigan.

A Millwall player spat at our section of the crowd at half-time. They behaved like hooligans. No wonder their fans are so thuggish. It was great to beat them.

What you say...

Bill Brown, St. Andrews Drive, Springfield, Wigan.

I thought the referee was very lax in his control of the game, especially in the first twenty minutes. We played exceptionally well in the first half, but seemed to lose our way a bit in the second half.

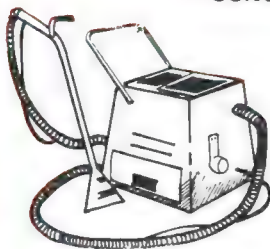
Frank Barlow, Beech Hill, Wigan.

When you think how much money Millwall spent on their team it is amazing that they played as if they were non-League in a cup-tie. Getting a player booked in the first minute sums their tactics up. I think the Latics did a tremendous job, matched them for aggression and commitment and it was

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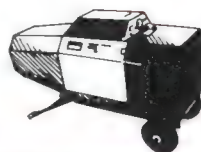
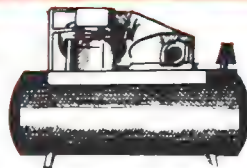
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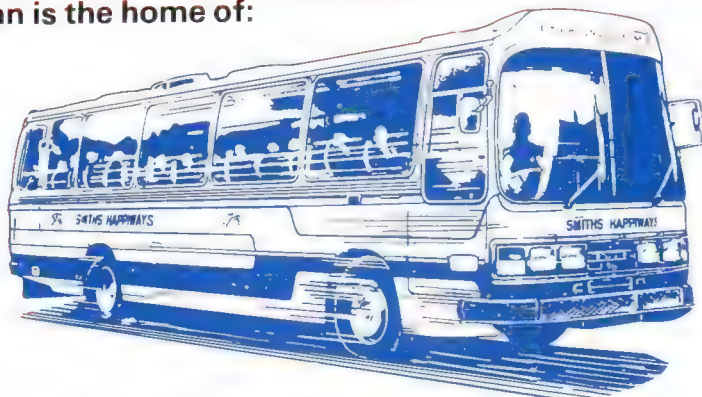


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The club was in the Southern League for 21 years and, along with Yeovil and Weymouth, played all its games in the Premier Division. The greatest triumph, however, was in winning the F.A. Challenge Trophy in 1971 defeating Yeovil 3-1 in a memorable semi-final, and Hillingdon 3-2 in the Final. In 1970, Telford were losing finalists to Macclesfield and in 1972 reached the semi-final.

Telford and Wigan clashed in the F.A. Trophy of 1969/70 when, on January 31st, 1970, a crowd of 2,228 saw a Jack Bentley goal settle the tie at the Buck's Head. The respective managers at the time were Ron Flowers and Gordon Milne.

The club has won the Welsh Senior Cup on three occasions, holding it longer than any other club — during the war years, 1940-46!

Great names associated with Telford and Wellington include former managers Geoff Hurst, George Antonio, Alan Spavin, Neil Franklin, Ron Lewin, Ron Flowers, Johnny Hancocks and the late Grenville Hair. Gordon Banks held the Manager's position for approximately one year before being succeeded by Stan Storton towards the end

of the 1980/81 season. Storton, aided by his assistant, Brian Daintith, had considerable managerial success at non-league level with Runcorn, Bangor City and Northwich Victoria, and this success followed him to Telford during 1981/82, the club finishing third in the Alliance Premier League and earning the nomination for the Football League ballot.

Telford's current ground capacity is 13,000 with seating for 1,500. There are plans for considerable development in the future although, of course, it already holds an "A" grading.

JOHN ALCOCK A natural winger signed from the then Cheshire League Club Eastwood (Hanley) during the 1978/79 season. Has this season been selected for a Football Association representative team. Born and lives in Stoke-on-Trent.

DAVID BARNETT Has this season established himself as a regular mid-field player in the side. A resident of Ellesmere Port, he joined Telford in 1980/81 from Stafford Rangers and was previously with Bangor City.

KEVIN CHARLTON Signed from Bangor City in 1980, Kevin gained plenty of Football League experience with Wolves, Bournemouth and Hereford United before turning semi-

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D UNITED

professional. Acknowledged as one of the best non-League 'keepers, he was selected for the England squad last season. Born in Tamworth he lives on Anglesey.

DUNCAN GARDNER Was leading scorer for Southern League A.P. Leamington for three seasons before transferring to Telford in October 1981.

EDDIE HOGAN Born in Dublin, this skillful and hard-working midfielder began his career with Derby County and joined Telford by way of Redditch United. After a short spell at Nuneaton Borough, he returned to the Buck's Head in January 1981.

KEVIN LEWIS A native of Hull but now living near Stoke, Kevin began his career at Manchester United and later went on to make over 100 appearances with Stoke City and Crewe Alexandra. Signed during this last close season.

JOHN MARTIN A young defender who lives in Solihull and joined Telford after a spell at Bromsgrove. Graduated to the senior side after impressive reserve team performances.

DAVE MATHER Another Liverpoolian who, for some reason, has never played in the Football League. An extremely talented and dangerous striker, he was taken by manager Stan Storton from South Liverpool to Bangor, from whom

he was signed in 1980. The scorer of 37 goals in 1981/2, he has at least gained F.A. XI recognition.

PAUL MAYMAN Stylish midfielder signed from Northwich for a five-figure fee in October 1981. Made 43 League appearances for his home town club, Crewe, before declining the opportunity of joining top-grade clubs to concentrate on his banking career, preferring to play part-time. The holder of two England caps at semi-professional level.

MARK NEALE Signed from his native Nuneaton in the summer of 1981, a forward whose previous clubs were Bedworth United and Atherstone Town. A good squad player who can never be faulted for his attitude and effort.

TONY TURNER Highly-rated full-back who lives in Hednesford, Staffs, and who was signed from Nuneaton Borough in February 1981. Voted "Player of the Season" for 1981-82. The club's regular penalty taker.

ALAN WALKER Tall central defender who captains the side and who has earned F.A. representative honours this season, captaining that team also. Another Northerner, this time from Mossley, he joined Telford from Bangor City at the same time as Charlton and Mather.

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GEORGE ROBERTS

On the theme of music, you will be pleased to hear that our very own Junior Latics compere, George Roberts, has taken over as Latics Match-Day announcer, and already we are feeling the benefit, because as from the Millwall game he will be having a Birthday guest in the box with him.

George's Birthday Guest today is Steven Harrison.

RECORD DEDICATIONS

Not only that, George is also introducing something we have been trying to arrange for over 12 months. A record dedications spot before the match, so if you would like a record dedicated to a friend or your mum, dad, sister, girlfriend, one of the players, or even Colin Burke, either give us a ring on 44433 and ask for Record Dedications, or simply send a post-card to Record Dedications, Wigan Athletic, Springfield Park, Wigan.

TODAY'S MATCHDAY MASCOT

Today's mascot is Neil Fleming. Neil is 8-years-old and attends Mabs Cross Primary School. His hobbies are football, boxing and rugby. Neil's favourite player is Peter Houghton.

Have a nice day Neil.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

Here is a snip from the local paper following the match between Exeter City and Wigan, kindly sent to us by the landlord of the Maltsters Arms. This reads as follows: "I'm very pleased to be able to tell you a nice story about football fans instead of all the bad news you always hear. A coachload of Wigan fans came down for the game last Wednesday and visited a pub that quite a few of our lads use — the Maltsters Arms at Clyst St. Mary. Our friendly landlord, Allan, said they were absolutely superb and no trouble at all. They were enjoying their day out, although I'm not so sure they would have been so delighted after the match. But it's nice to hear something like that instead of all the bad stuff that goes on."

Many thanks, Allan, for writing to us with your refreshing news.

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No doubt you've all heard that Mickey Quinn has at last got his goal-scoring touch back. The ex-Latics player now at Crewe, Clive Evans, is top scorer for his new club, but missed a penalty in last week's match against Scunthorpe. Seven minutes later Scunthorpe scored the only goal of the game.

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David Glenn was in Chelsea's Reserve side which was beaten in mid-week 3-2 by Oxford Reserves. He was in the fourteen man squad which travelled to Barnsley for last Saturday's Second Division fixture.

Shares in the Latics are still being offered for sale by ex-Vice Chairman Mr. Ken Bates. They are available at £1.50 each with ten now being the minimum order acceptable.

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The Latics Youth side play Burnley in the Second Round of the F.A. Youth Cup at Turf Moor on Saturday, 4th December, with any replay required being on the following Monday at Springfield Park.

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Latics have now played 16 games in the Third Division — eight at home and eight away. The total spectators at home is 38,023, an average of 4,753 per game. The total of spectators away is 26,013 with an average of 3,251 per game.

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People who have written off Latics chances of gaining promotion this season would do well to remember Burnley's performance of last season. For all of November they were in 20th place in Division Three and in January they were only 18th and they did not achieve one of the promotion places until the last week of the season when they became, of course, Champions. Walsall, on the other hand, achieved 2nd place in November and had only slipped to 4th by the end of January. Their final position was 20th.

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Congratulations to Gary Winstanley on his 18th Birthday, from the staff in the Commercial Department.

Belated Birthday Wishes to Lynda Fillingham from the staff at Springfield Park.

Happy Birthday to Brian Gore, from Joan, Shaun and Angela.

Happy 21st Birthday to Tony Monk, of Charity Farm, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, from Suzanne.

Happy 17th Birthday Diane for yesterday (20.11.82) from Ange.

Happy Birthday to Marie Reid for the 28th November, from all the staff at Springfield Park.

Welcome to Simon Pinkerton, celebrating his 9th Birthday with his Dad and two school friends.

Latics Programme Collectors. Mr. Brian Middlehurst, of 18 The Close, Haydock, St.

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Happy Birthday and best wishes to Deirdre Phillpotts for the 23rd November. From the staff in the Commercial Department.

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Above: Jim Steel congratulates Peter Houghton on his first goal against Millwall. Below: Les Bradd forces the Millwall 'keeper to make a great save as John Butler looks on. (Photographs by C. J. Higgins.)





Archie Gemmill makes his last farewells to Springfield Park at the end of the Millwall game. (Photograph by C. J. Higgins.)



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Player Profile

PETER HOUGHTON

MOST lads who were given the opportunity to become a professional footballer would not have to think twice about it. But Peter Houghton had to think three and four times before he eventually accepted Ian McNeill's invitation to turn professional for newly elected Wigan Athletic in 1978. "It was a bigger decision to make than people realise. It wasn't as if I was a sixteen-year-old kid with no responsibilities. I was in my early twenties and had a wife and young son and their security was my main concern. I had a good job outside football and to gamble all that on making it as a professional took a lot of heart-searching."

But with the support of his wife, Gillian, he took the chance and signed up. Imagine then, how low he felt, when, early on in that season he broke his wrist at Luton in the League Cup and was side-lined for three months. "That was definitely the worst time of my career and I thought I'd made a big mistake."

He recovered, however, and the level of his ability was proved by the fact that Portsmouth offered £60,000 for him that season. Fortunately for the Latics, he turned down the move.

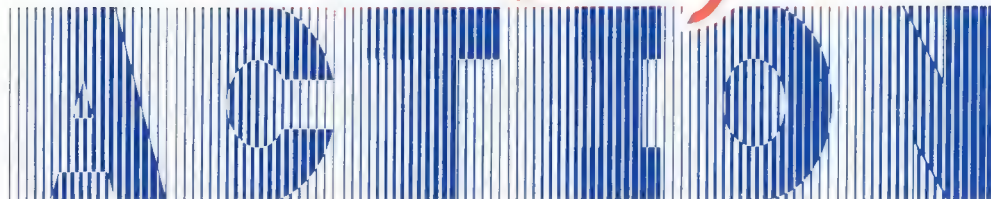
Peter's career in football is certainly unusual. As a schoolboy he played for the mighty Liverpool Boys side that won the English Schools Trophy, but then disappeared from the glamour into the world of work



and part-time football. A spell in the Liverpool Combination was followed by a place in Ford Motors Lancashire Combination side and then he moved to Prescot Town. But it was when he moved from there to South Liverpool, a club which has produced such names as Jimmy Case and Joe Hinnigan, that he came under the eye of Latics manager, Ian McNeill. A massive transfer fee of three hundred pounds was paid to South Liverpool and Peter became a Latics player in January, 1978. Six months later, when it was least expected, Wigan Athletic were elected to the Football League and Peter had to make his big decision. ("One reason why being a professional was an attractive proposition," he recalls, "is that it's very difficult playing top-level non-League football when you're working as well. I used to work shifts and you certainly have to be dedicated to fit in training and playing in between working hours.")

Nobody who has seen Peter's tremendous performances over the past few seasons can be in any doubt that the biggest gamble of his life paid off. It's just a wonder that nobody asked him to take it a couple of years before.

Central League



Wigan Athletic 0, Rotherham United 1 Wednesday, 17th November, 1982

THE kick-off was twenty minutes late, because Rotherham got lost! On a wet and windy night, the Latics played well, but they couldn't get through a tough Rotherham defence. When they did manage to find a way through, they found the goalkeeper in top class form.

In a team littered with non-contract players and apprentices, it was one of Larry Lloyd's first team men who caught the eye. Winger Kevin Sheldon had an excellent match, and showed excellent speed and confidence in the deplorable conditions.

Overall, the lads had the better of the match and missed a couple of easy chances, but they faced an uphill battle after Rotherham took the lead mid-way through the first half.

The Team

Hatton		Martindale		Jameson		Goulding	
Shaw		Steel		Lowe		Williams	
Langley		Sub: Phillips		Sheldon			
		McCullough					

DIVISION TWO LEAGUE TABLE

as at Saturday, 13th November 1982

Nottingham Forest ..	10	8	1	1	21	5	17
Manchester City	8	5	1	2	15	9	11
Bolton Wanderers ..	6	4	1	1	14	10	9
Sunderland	6	3	2	1	9	6	8
Notts County	8	3	2	3	13	15	8
Bradford City	6	2	3	1	11	7	7
Barnsley	7	3	1	3	12	12	7
Derby County	9	3	0	6	17	16	6
Rotherham United ..	7	2	2	3	9	9	6
Oldham Athletic	5	2	2	1	8	9	6
Wigan Athletic	6	2	2	2	6	7	6
Burnley	6	2	2	2	5	8	6
Preston North End ..	5	2	0	3	14	19	4
Chesterfield	7	1	2	4	4	11	4
Middlesbrough	6	1	0	5	6	12	2
Port Vale	6	0	1	5	7	16	1

NEXT FIXTURE
**WIGAN ATHLETIC v.
BOLTON
WANDERERS**
Wednesday, 1st
December, 1982
Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Please note: This fixture
has been moved from
Tuesday, due to Bolton
having prior F.A. Youth
Cup commitments.

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon everyone. We at the Supporters' Club would like to extend a very warm welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Telford United Football Club to Springfield Park. We hope you all had a pleasant journey to Wigan today. Some of you may recall

the last time our two teams met. This was in the F.A. Trophy. Gordon Milne was just about to take over as Manager, but with Duncan Colquhoun in charge we lost 1-0 after having most of the play. Let us hope we have more luck this afternoon.

SUPPORTERS' CLUB AWAY

In the event of a draw this afternoon, the details for the coach will be placed on

the notice board in the Club when finalised.

NEXT LEAGUE GAME

27th November, 1982 — GILLINGHAM. Prices — Adults £8.95, Children

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ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB

Tickets are now available for the John Martin Sound, priced at 70 pence. This event is on Sunday, 12th December, at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are also on sale for

Trevor Wallace on Christmas Eve, price 50 pence. Both these acts should really pack the club, so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

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Saturday, 27th November — EVERGREEN. Sunday, 28th November — Bingo.

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Enjoy today's game, call in for a pint after the match!

Chris. Coffey, Chairman.

P.S. Wonders will never cease! Our Darts Team won a match!

FACTS+FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

* Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
† In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1982	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Aug. 28	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton†	Rogers	Langley
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton†	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1,2 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Langley	Butler	Bradd†	Williams	Rogers	Walsall
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd†	Houghton	Butler	Rogers
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmell	Glenn
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY	H	1-1*	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	4-0	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe†	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	0-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe†	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Williams
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Meithven	Lloyd†	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2,2 leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Walsall	Meithven	Glenn	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Lowe†	Walsall	Meithven	Butler	Weston	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Walsall	Meithven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmell	Lowe
Nov. 6	Oxford	A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Butler	Walsall	Meithven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H	3-1	4,456	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Walsall	Meithven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Sheldon
Nov. 20	Telford Utd. (FA Cup 1st Rd)	A														
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A														
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H														
Dec. 11	(F.A. Cup 2nd Round)	H														
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H														
Dec. 27	Wrexham	H														
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H														

* Goal Scorer — Caton (own goal)

THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Sunday, 14th November, 1982

	Home					Away					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln City	16	8	0	0	23	4	4	0	4	9	11	36
Newport County	16	6	2	0	17	6	3	2	3	12	12	31
Cardiff City	16	7	0	1	14	5	3	1	4	12	17	31
Bristol Rovers	16	7	0	1	25	5	2	3	3	12	11	30
Huddersfield Town	16	6	3	0	23	5	2	2	3	6	9	29
Portsmouth	16	6	0	2	18	7	2	3	3	8	13	27
Bradford City	16	6	2	0	20	10	2	1	5	7	13	27
Gillingham	16	5	1	2	13	6	3	1	4	8	8	26
Southend United	16	6	1	0	17	5	2	1	6	9	16	26
Oxford United	16	3	5	0	15	8	3	1	4	10	12	24
Plymouth Argyle	16	6	0	2	11	7	1	3	4	11	20	24
Brentford	16	6	1	1	21	9	0	4	4	13	19	23
Sheffield United	16	4	2	2	11	7	1	3	4	5	12	20
A.F.C. Bournemouth	16	3	2	3	8	5	3	0	5	6	13	20
Wrexham	16	4	2	2	9	7	1	3	4	5	14	20
Exeter City	16	4	2	2	18	15	1	3	4	9	20	20
WIGAN ATHLETIC	16	5	0	3	17	9	1	1	6	12	19	19
Chesterfield	16	2	1	5	10	11	2	3	3	7	10	16
Reading	16	4	2	2	16	11	0	1	7	11	25	15
Millwall	16	3	4	1	13	11	0	2	6	6	17	15
Orient	16	3	2	3	13	16	1	1	6	3	20	15
Walsall	16	3	2	3	8	10	0	3	5	11	21	14
Preston North End	16	2	4	2	10	8	1	0	7	10	22	13
Doncaster Rovers	16	2	5	1	23	19	0	1	7	4	19	12

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Comments from the Chair



GOOD afternoon and a very warm welcome to the Directors, players and supporters of Telford United, a very fine non-League Club who were unsuccessful in their attempt to be elected to the Football League this year, despite having secured the vote of Wigan Athletic.

As we face them today, I cannot help but reflect on my last meeting with them. They were then called Wellington Town and I was playing for Hyde United. I remember the occasion well because, to my eternal shame, I was sent off for fighting with their big centre-forward named Green. What was most significant about the incident, was that Mr. Green turned out to be the Army Heavyweight Boxing Champion and I was extremely lucky to take the early bath with all my limbs intact!

Since then, Telford have gone from strength to strength. They have an excellent stadium, a bank account which is in the black and a fine team which has strung together some excellent performances this season. The F.A. Cup is, of course, the great leveller and

the stories of giant-killings are too numerous to mention.

Two such stories which I have been asked not to mention are the two occasions when lowly Second Division Norwich beat the might of Manchester United, among whose ranks at the time was fellow Director, Bobby Charlton. Apparently the memory of those defeats is so painful to Bobby that if anybody talks about them he is sent into a deep depression and so, for his sake, I would ask you all to forget that I ever mentioned Norwich City's F.A. Cup exploits.

On a final and more serious note, our already dwindling numbers of fit players has been further reduced this week by the departure of Archie Gemmill. On behalf of everybody at Wigan Athletic I wish him the best of luck at Derby and I merely regret that we were not in a position to meet his financial requirements.

Enjoy the game.

Freddie Pye

Freddie Pye, Chairman.



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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripe)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Jimmy Weston
- 4 David Lowe
- 5 Alex Cribley
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 John Butler
- 8 Kevin Langley
- 9 Less Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Kevin Sheldon
- 12 To be announced

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. N. J. ASHLEY
(Nantwich)

Commenced refereeing in 1964 in Crewe and District League, and graduated through Mid-Cheshire and Cheshire County Leagues to the Football League Linemen's List in 1971 and the Full List in 1974. Was linesman in a European Cup Winners' Cup match in 1974, also a Football League Cup Semi-Final in the 1973/74 season, Wales v. Scotland (Under-23) International, 1976 and Charity Shield reserve referee. Also refereed a Football League Cup Semi-Final in 1982. A married man, with two children, he is a professional buyer — Pharmaceuticals — and his interest is in referee coaching, keeping fit and road race running. Is Secretary of the Crewe and District F.A. Referees. Worn representative honours at middle distance and cross country running, and was ranked in the British 860 yards list in 1968. Chairman of Association of Football League Referees and Linemen (North West and North Wales Section). Member of the F.A. panel of speakers for Referee instructors.

Red Flag
Mr. D. D. Croone
(Liverpool)

Linesmen:
Yellow Flag
Mr. G. P. Davies
(Salford)

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- 2 Kevin Lewis
- 3 Tony Turner
- 4 Paul Mayman
- 5 Alan Walker
- 6 John Martin
- 7 Dave Barnett
- 8 Mark Neale
- 9 Dave Mather
- 10 Eddie Hogan
- 11 John Alcock
- 12 Duncan Gardner